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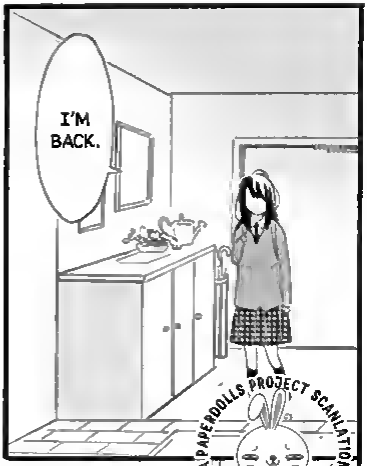
EAT YOUR DINNER WITHOUT ME.
OKAY.
HEY,
I HAVE TO GO OVER TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE, SO


I'M BACK.
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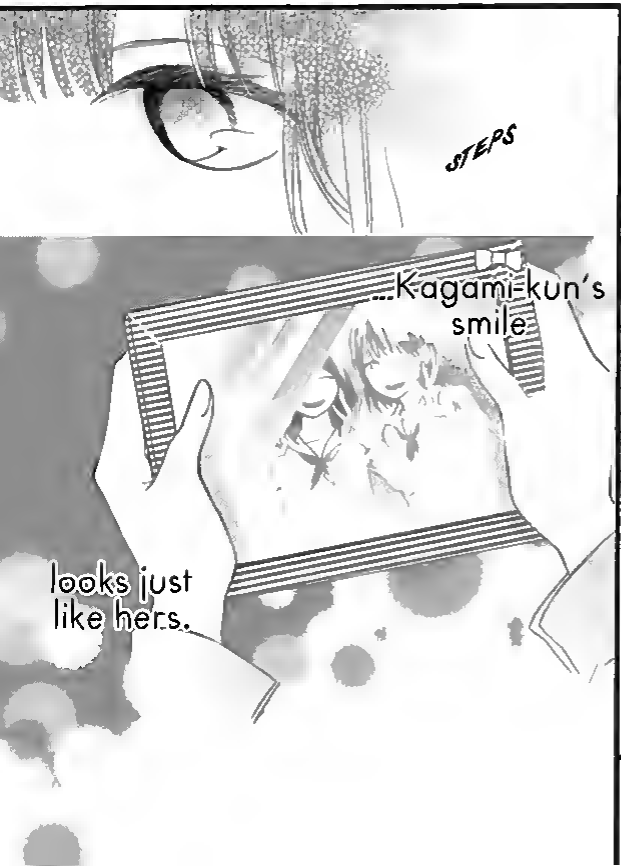
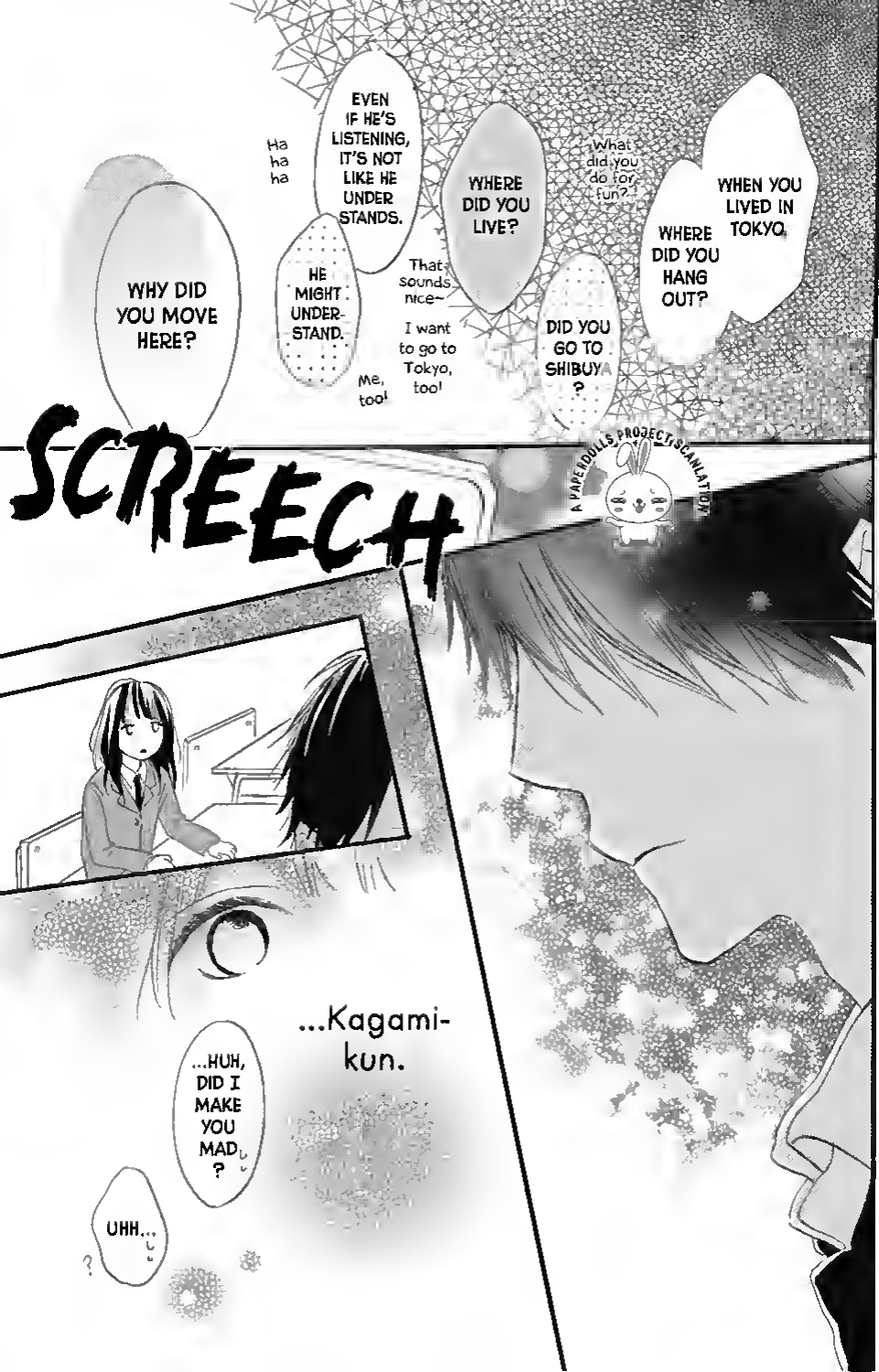
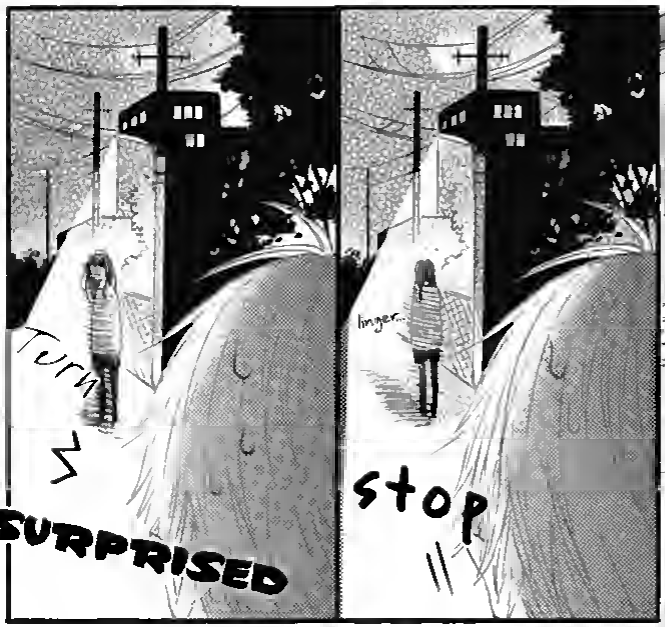

STEPS
...Kagami-kun's smile
looks just like hers.

Where did you go?
MINE, TOO.
MY SCHOOL USUALLY GOES TO TOKYO.
I've never been there
AH, KYOTO? THAT SOUNDS NICE.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
Talking about the school trip...
Sounds like fun.
THAT REMINDS ME.
KAGAMI, YOU'RE FROM TOKYO, RIGHT?

OH, REALLY?
I WAS TALKING TO THE TEACHER EARLIER, AND
THEY MEN TIONED IT.
EHH? THAT SOUNDS NICE.
THERE ISN'T ANY AROUND HERE.
HAHAHA! YOU'RE RIGHT.


EVEN IF HE'S LISTENING, IT'S NOT LIKE HE UNDER STANDS.
Ha ha ha
WHERE DID YOU LIVE?
What did you do for fun?
WHEN YOU LIVED IN TOKYO.
WHERE DID YOU HANG OUT?
WHY DID YOU MOVE HERE?
HE MIGHT UNDER-STAND.
That sounds nice~
I want to go to Tokyo, too!
Me, too!
DID YOU GO TO SHIBUYA?
SCREECH
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
...Kagami-kun.
...HUH, DID I MAKE YOU MAD?
UHH...
?

step
Haa-
step
Haa-


Turn
SURPRISED
linger...
stop

A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

AH...
What is it?
wa/e
wa/e
I was surprised for another reason
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE AROUND HERE. BUT, ACTUALLY, FINDING YOU SURPRISED ME.
IT'S NIGHTTIME. WHY ARE YOU WANDERING AROUND BY YOURSELF?
BECAUSE WE PROMISED TO GO RUNNING TOGETHER THE OTHER DAY.
...NO, WE DIDN'T.
.....

...I'M NOT HIDING ANYTHING.
IT'S JUST...
...IT'S NOT LIKE SOMETHING HAPPENED. NOT REALLY.
.....
AH, WHAT'S THAT BUG?
GROSS.
HEY, DID YOU SEE IT?
GASP
.....
...WHAT?
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

HAHA–
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
AOYAMA TSUKIKO IS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO MAKES SURE TO LISTEN TO SOMEONE'S STORY.
YOU SHOULDN'T BRAG ABOUT YOURSELF.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
LAST YEAR, MY MOTHER DIED.

I CHANGED SCHOOLS.
BUT MY OLDER SISTER LIVES HERE SO,
SHE WAS SICK.
EVER SINCE I WAS TOLD, WE'D BEEN LIVING TOGETHER.
"What are you doing?"
THE DAY WE MET WAS WHEN I JUST MOVED HERE.
Uhh.. I'm
What about you, Kagami?
So annoying.
You know, he told me to go visit him today
Ah.. my bad.
ALWAYS CAUSED AN AWKWARD ATMOSPHERE.
...THINGS LIKE THAT
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

...IT'S QUITE TIRING...
HAVING TO KEEP UP A STIFF SMILE LIKE THAT.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
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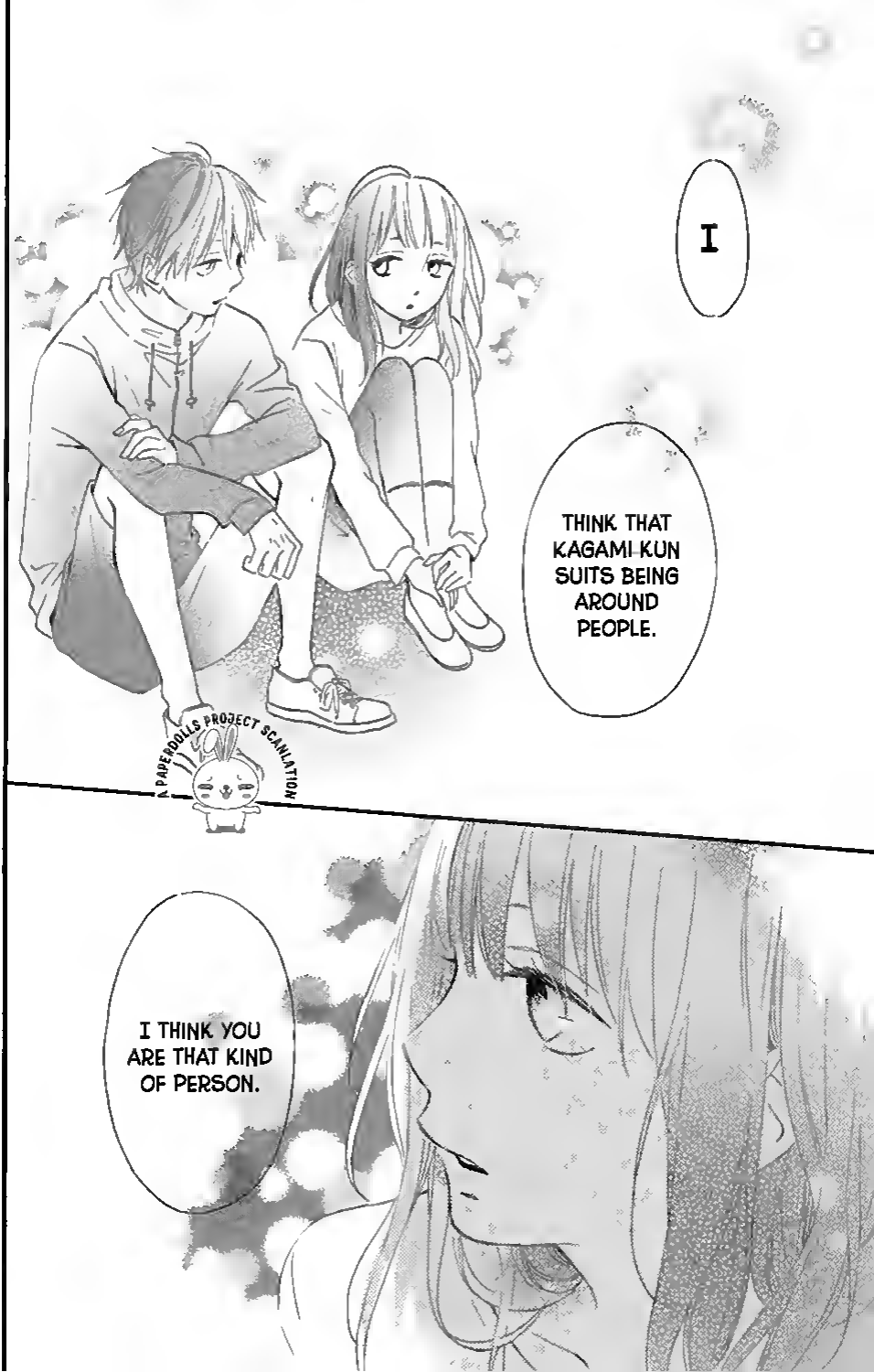
IT'S SUCH A STUPID REASON.
THAT'S ALL.
IT'S NOT STUPID.



PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
YOU HAVE THE SMILE OF SOMEONE WHO IS LOVED.
...BECAUSE

KAGAMI-KUN...
IT LOOKS BETTER THIS WAY.
REALLY?
EHHH-
NOW YOU LOOK EVEN MORE DUBIOUS.
Tuffle
Tuffle
Ha H- H-
SCARY-
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

.....
I WASN'T TRYING TO HIDE IT, EITHER.
YOU MIGHT HEAR ABOUT IT ANYWAY.
...WHAT?
OH, IS IT BECAUSE YOU AREN'T SMART?
YOU'RE SO FRANK.
WHY DID YOU REPEAT A YEAR?
AND, YOU?
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER WAS RIGHT, KAGAMI-KUN.
I'VE NEVER PLAYED BASKET-BALL BEFORE.
ha ha ha
AH, THAT MAKES SENSE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN AN ACTUAL TOY POODLE BEFORE.
HAHAHA – OH, MAN.
THE FRIENDS I HAVE AREN'T REALLY MINE.
THOSE ARE ALL THINGS ABOUT AOYAMA TSUKIKO SAN.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
.....
TSUKIKO-SAN... ISN'T THAT YOU?

THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT IN THE SPRING OF MY 1ST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL.

EVER SINCE, HER MEMORIES HAVE BEEN GONE.

THEY STILL HAVEN'T RETURNED.

SO, I TOOK A BREAK FROM SCHOOL.

AND BY THEN, I HAD MISSED TOO MANY DAYS OF SCHOOL AND REPEATED THE YEAR.

CHEERFUL.
BRIGHT.
ENER-
GETIC.
THOSE ARE ALL THE THINGS THAT DESCRIBE TSUKIKO-SAN.
IDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

SHE'S SOMEONE I ADMIRE.

AH. I
HAVE TO BE HEAD-ING HOME SOON.
SO, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW
AT SCHOOL.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

Aha ha ha
Oh, man
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

That's who Kagami-kun is.
All of a sudden, he became a part of the class.
Ever since that night, Kagami-kun has been hanging out with people more often.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
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SHE USED TO BE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON.
I HEARD FROM AN UPPER CLASSMAN.
HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
No way~
ABOUT AOYAMA.
HEY, DID YOU HEAR?

EXCUSE ME.
FACULTY ROOM
slide
Sigh. They talked for so long
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

I SEE THAT YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS.
IT'S NOT THAT LIKE THAT.
Yo Sensei!
KAGAMI-SENSEI.
I WANT TO KNOW HOW
YOU WERE ABLE TO DO IT,
STOP IT.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
.....
FIRST THINGS FIRST,
I THINK I'LL BE JOINING A CLUB.
HUH? UHH, SERIOUSLY?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT TAKING A LOOK AT VARIOUS CLUBS.
I SEE...
DO YOU...

REALLY BELIEVE THAT YOU WANT TO BE LIKE THAT?
LIKE AOYAMA TSUKIKO?
YES, I DO.
PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

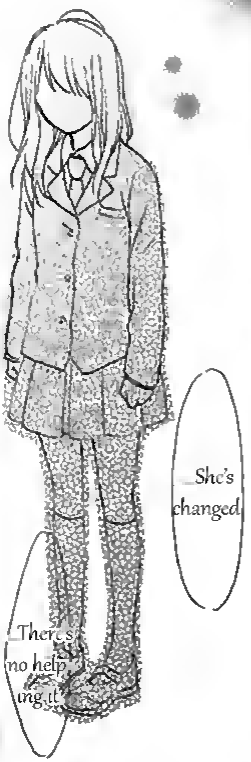
AOYAMA.
IF YOU SAY SO.
I'M EUPHORIC.
MY MOTIVATION IS OVER-FLOWING!
Everyday
SENSEI.
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
YES.
IS SCHOOL FUN?
YES.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
...YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME ROUGH TIMES, BUT
DON'T FEEL DOWN AND DO YOUR BEST.
grip
.....

Kagami-kun.
After the accident, I was asleep for a long time.
...ko.
Tsukiko.
It was a miracle to even regain conscious-ness.
...YES.
Tsukiko.
It's alright to remember things bit by bit
Tsukiko.
This picture's from when we all went on a trip together.
Last year, we.....
Don't you remember...?
My parents and friends were really happy.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

a lonely feeling that I didn't belong

But, all that remained after the miracle was

the continuous daily routine, and



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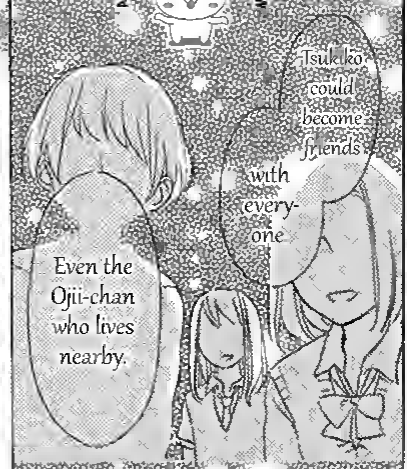

peek
It's not that I don't want to become Aoyama Tsukiko.
But,
...IS THAT THE STUDENT IN QUESTION?
AHH,
IT SEEMS THAT SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED.
SIGH
I GUESS LOSING YOUR MEMORY, LIKE IN A MANGA,
CAN ACTUALLY HAPPEN.
if
I don't
...SHE'S SUCH A PITIFUL CHILD.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

GRAB
WHA-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
If I don't become Aoyama Tsukiko, I...
KAGAMI-KUN.
ST-STOP IT.
AH.
NO!
SLAP

A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
...OW.
whisper
whisper

silence
...A MOSQUITO.
THERE WAS A MOSQUITO.
YOU WERE TRYING TO DRIVE IT AWAY, RIGHT? KAGAMI-KUN!!
Sensei, that was dangerous
I JUST KILLED IT, SO
LET'S GO TO THE INFIRMARY, KAGAMI-KUN.
HUH.
HEY!
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT, KAGAMI-KUN.
HITTING A TEACHER WILL MEAN YOU'LL MISS SCHOOL.
AS SOMEONE WHO'S MISSED SO MUCH SCHOOL, I KNOW.
ARE YOU LISTENING?

FUH-
HA HA HA HA!
UN-BELIEV-ABLE.
HA HA HA HA
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO HIT ME?
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

Did that tickle his funny bone, then?
IT HUUU URTS.
Hilarious
Hm-
Can't breathe
MEMORY LOSS OR
WHATEVER,
EVEN IF THEY SAY THAT ABOUT ME, I THINK
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
A-
AOYAMA TSUKIKO-SAN IS A KIND AND GOOD PERSON, SO
"I" SHOULDN'T HIT PEOPLE.
HIT THEM.

.....
IF SOMEONE SAYS... AOYAMA TSUKIKO DOESN'T DO THAT OR
SHE ISN'T LIKE THIS.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THAT IS.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
BUT AOYAMA TSUKIKO CAN HIT PEOPLE.

A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
AFTER ALL, TO ME,
YOU'RE AOYAMA TSUKIKO.

A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
drip
OH, NO.
OH, NO, NO.
WHAT'S HAPPENING SUDDENLY?

One day,
I read her diary.
I found it in her room.
.....HEY,
ARE YOU OKAY...?
She's changed.
There's no helping it.
Hearing about her from other people, and
learning what she was feeling through her diary,
Tsukiko.
I felt the same grief as others did.
Hey.
K-POP FANPEDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

I thought if the memories don't return, I could just become her.
I shoved what
kind of person she was, what
kinds of things she liked, all into my head.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
I also
love Aoyama Tsukiko.
Not just admiration.
But, if I could really become her, I would immediately.

If I could go back in time.
...EY.
HEY, YOU OKAY?
Without any hesitation.
...IT-

Or, so I thought.
...IT'S ME.
THE ONE CRYING NOW,
IT'S ME.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

...THERE'S ONLY YOU.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION

Okay ☆
THIS POSE'S NOT OKAY.
pinch. ☆
NO GOOD.
NOPE.
You were terrible
Wasn't I doing pretty well?
...AREN'T YOU A LITTLE STRICT?
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
~TEACH-TSUKIKO-HOW-TO-SMILE MEETING~
NO, LET'S DO OUR BEST.
...WELL,
I THINK YOU'RE FINE EVEN IF YOU DON'T DO THIS...
A. E. I. O. U.
WORK THOSE FACIAL MUSCLES MORE.

...YEAH.
I LIKE AOYAMA TSUKIKO.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
BUT, IF KAGAMI-KUN LIKES THE WAY I AM NOW,
AND IF YOU'RE INSISTING, THEN
AH, CLASS' STARTING.
A. O.
A. E.
I. U.
E. O.
A.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
Crying made my face tired

TSUKIKO.
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
...DO YOU WANT TO GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT ON OUR WAY HOME?

I used to be Aoyama Tsukiko, but now, I'm not.
Let's stop that.
Kagami-kun did say that
I'm Aoyama Tsukiko!
POSITIVE!!
A PAPERDOLLS PROJECT SCANLATION
KAGAMI.
YEAH, LET'S GO!!
I'M KAGAMI-SAN, RIGHT...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "KUN"?
HUH?
RATHER, YOU SHOULD CALL ME TSUKIKO-SAN!
I'm one year older
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